

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) Oil and vacuum pumps group for an engine, comprising:  
  
    ~~at least one~~ a single motion transmission shaft extending along a main axis X-X;  
  
    at least one oil pump mounted on said ~~at least one~~ motion transmission shaft coaxially to said main axis X-X;  
  
    at least one vacuum pump mounted on said ~~at least one~~ motion transmission shaft coaxially to said main axis X-X;  
  
    a gear mounted on said ~~at least one~~ motion transmission shaft coaxially to said main axis X-X and adapted to derive a rotary motion from a driving gear of an engine and to transfer said rotary motion to said ~~at least one~~ motion transmission shaft to drive said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump;  
  
    wherein the oil and vacuum pumps group is structurally independent from and adapted to be associated with said engine;  
  
    ~~wherein said gear is operatively placed between said at least one oil pump (10) and said at least one vacuum pump.~~

2. (previously presented) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1, wherein said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump are units which are structurally independent from each other.

3. (canceled).

4. (previously presented) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1, wherein said at least one oil pump is a single-stage or two-stage pump.

5. (previously presented) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1, comprising means for the attachment to an engine block.

6. (previously presented) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 5, wherein said means for the attachment to an engine block comprises a plurality of brackets intended to cooperate with respective brackets formed on said engine block.

7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) Method for assembling an oil and vacuum pumps group for an engine, comprising:

- a) providing ~~at least~~ only one single motion transmission shaft extending along a main axis X-X;
- b) providing at least one oil pump;
- c) providing at least one vacuum pump;
- d) providing a gear;
- e) mounting said gear said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump on said ~~at least one~~ motion transmission shaft coaxially to said main axis X-X; , so as to define a group which is structurally independent from and adapted to be associated with said engine  
  
~~wherein mounting said gear, said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump on said at least one motion transmission shaft comprises positioning said gear between said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump.~~

9. (previously presented) An engine, comprising an oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1.

10. (new) Method according to claim 8, wherein mounting said gear, said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump on said motion transmission shaft comprises positioning said gear between said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump.

11. (new) Oil and vacuum pumps group according to claim 1, wherein said gear is operatively placed between said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump.